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two patrol boats, which were painted grey, arrived. One of the vessels was quite small and had one gun forward of the bridge; the other ship was larger. The smaller vessel moved off almost immediately. The larger patrol boat proceeded into the inlet.

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a. A small bay on the east side of the inlet was observed.

On the shore of the bay, there was a hill with what appeared to be a radar installation at the top. The radar installation was revolving continually, and appeared to be brown in color.

b. Two cruisers, which appeared to be identical, were observed lying at anchor in the bay. Both cruisers appeared to be very new, and had two funnels. They did not have steam up, but the decks were crowded with men. The cruisers were surrounded by small vessels, apparently minesweepers.

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- c. Further down the inlet, on the east side, there was a shipbuilding or a ship repair yard. Two small submarines, without any armament, were lying at this yard; one of the submarines was painted with red lead. Both submarines were undergoing some repair work, involving the use of welding equipment. [redacted] the submarines were about the same size [redacted] 25X1
- d. There were six small destroyers or gunboats tied up at this same yard; they were moored in two groups, of four and two each. The vessels, which appeared to be new, were painted gray and had two funnels. 25X1
- e. Alongside the quay [redacted] there were two small destroyers or minesweepers, each with one funnel. 25X1
5. [redacted] 25X1
- three railway tracks on the quay. Most of the dockers were women, although there were also quite a number of elderly men. [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted]
- [redacted] two cruisers, preceded by five small gunboats or escort vessels, were moving very fast. The first cruiser was moving much faster than the second, and appeared to be heading for the open sea in a northeast direction. 25X1
7. [redacted] seven jet fighter aircraft in a single-echelon formation, heading northwest at a very high speed at a height of about 1,000 meters. The noise made by the aircraft was heard after they had passed over. 25X1
8. At about 0730 hours [redacted] three submarines underway near the west side of the inlet [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
9. At about 0800 hours, two flying boats, each with two engines, flew over very low, heading south down the inlet.
10. At about 0810 hours, one large submarine, with one gun aft but no visible armament forward, was observed heading south near the eastern shore of the inlet.
11. [redacted] There seemed to be some naval maneuvers underway, as several ships were observed cruising around at the mouth of the inlet. At the same time, three dive bombers were diving and dropping bombs on a rocky point on the west side of the inlet; judging from the sound, they were not jet aircraft. 25X1
12. At about 1000 hours, one cruiser returned from the north, and proceeded towards its anchorage. About an hour later, the second cruiser returned.

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